HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

FROM THE TOWN OF ROLESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Halloween is an exciting night of the year and a particularly a special treat for young children. It is also an important time to be extra vigilant for potential safety hazards. The Rolesville Police Department wants everyone to have a happy, fun, and safe Halloween by following these tips.

PARENTS

- Always escort your children and carry a flashlight.
- Be familiar with the neighborhood where your children will be trickor-treating.
- Set a specific time for your child/children to be out.
- Always know who is trick-or-treating with your children.
- Walk on the sidewalks and not in the middle of the street.
- Instruct your children NEVER to enter any homes.
- Stay in well-lighted areas.
- Inspect all treats before allowing children to eat them.
- Choose fireproof comfortable costumes made of light colored material so they can be easily seen in the dark.
- Consider placing reflective or glow in the dark tape on your children's costumes.
- Have children avoid wearing eye makeup or masks, which will restrict their vision.
- Avoid having children carry replica firearms, swords, or toys which can be mistaken for the real thing.
- Give out only commercially wrapped candy.



• Teach children their home and/or parent's cellular phone number in case they get lost.

TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Do not trick-or-treat by yourself.
- If props are carried, they should be made of soft rubber, Styrofoam, or other pliable material.
- Do not take short cuts, especially through alleys.
- Obey all traffic signals and look in all directions when crossing the street.
- Don't run! Walk to your intended destination and don't dart in and out of cars or driveways. If there are no side-walks stay as far left of the roadway as possible.
- Walk in the direction facing traffic.
- Only trick-or-treat at homes with their porch light on. Never approach a car offering candy.
- Wait until you get home before eating any treats.

HOMEOWNERS

- Turn on your porch light so children know it is all right to visit your home.
- If you are placing a Jack-O-Lantern on your porch, place a glow stick inside instead of a candle.
- Hand out only commercially wrapped candy.
- Never invite children into your home.
- Keep pets away from children.
- Maintain clear walkways that are free from obstruction.
- If using candles, keep them away from the path of children.
- Immediately notify law enforcement of any suspicious activity.





MOTORISTS

- Drive slowly and cautiously.
- Look for children walking on the street, running, and darting in between parked vehicles.
- Be extra careful when entering and exiting driveways.
- Avoid using your cell phone while driving because it will cause a distraction
- Play your music at a reasonable volume so you can listen for potential children crossing your path.
- Never drink and drive.

Remember, if you have any questions or concerns then don't hesitate to contact the Police Department.

Emergency: 911 or

Daytime Non-Emergency: 919.556.7226

